CONTENT STANDARD 6: Materials and Processes

Students will know the origins, properties and processing techniques associated with the material building blocks of technology.

K-12 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Educational experiences in Grades K-4 will assure that students:

- identify the characteristics of different resources and describe how these resources can serve different purposes;
- describe that, by processing resources, the resources can be used differently;
- select the appropriate tool for a given need;
- use tools and resources correctly and safely;
- identify technological resources as materials, people, time, money, information, tools, etc.; and
- describe how the processing of resources can produce a more useful product.

Educational experiences in Grades 5-8 will assure that students:

- identify and describe a group of new and recycled materials used in technological systems;
- differentiate between primary and secondary raw materials;
- explore methods used to convert raw and recycled materials into usable products;
- demonstrate the appropriate selection and safe operation of basic hand and power tools;
- use manual and electronic measuring devices accurately;
- explore the principles of manual material-processing techniques;
- describe how products are manufactured;

Educational experiences in Grades 9-12 will assure that students:

- list the techniques used to extract raw materials from the environment;
- describe the physical structures and properties of materials used in technological systems;
- classify raw materials according to their physical and mechanical properties;
- distinguish between organic and inorganic materials;
- experiment with the alteration of material characteristics;
- differentiate between natural and artificial materials;
- research, plan and participate in recycling activities;
- identify secondary materials and processes through product analysis; and

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CONTENT STANDARD 6: Materials and Processes

K-12 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, continued

Educational experiences in Grades 5-8 will assure that students:

- demonstrate a working knowledge of the layout, shaping, smoothing, assembly and finishing techniques used to produce a product;
- explore the principles of computer-controlled processing techniques; and
- produce simple products from a variety of materials, using manual and computer-controlled devices.

Educational experiences in Grades 9-12 will assure that students:

 produce products with raw and recycled materials by separating, forming, combining, conditioning and finishing.